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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated September 24, 2002, be extended for one month to January 24, 2003.

A response to the Office Action, dated September 24, 2002, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response

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